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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 JERRY GEORGE WOOD JR.,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 DAN STITES et al.,

12 Defendants.
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CASE NO. C18-983 MJP-BAT

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
APPOINT COUNSEL**

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15 The Court DENIES plaintiff's motion appointment of counsel. Dkt. 11. A person has no right
16 to counsel in civil actions. *See Campbell v. Burt*, 141 F.3d 927, 931 (9th Cir. 1998). The Court
17 may appoint counsel for indigent civil litigants under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), but only in
18 "exceptional circumstances." *Agyeman v. Corrections Corp. of Am.*, 390 F.3d 1101, 1103 (9th
19 Cir. 2004). In assessing "exceptional circumstances" the Court considers "the likelihood of
20 success on the merits as well as the ability of the [plaintiff] to articulate his claims *pro se* in light
21 of the complexity of the legal issues involved." *Weygandt v. Look*, 718 F.2d 952, 954 (9th
22 Cir.1983). Plaintiff argues his lack of training, and difficulty communicating are exceptional
23 circumstances justifying appointment of counsel. But these factors are typical of most prisoner

1 law suits and are thus not exceptional. Petitioner has also demonstrated via the pleadings he has
2 filed that he can articulate his claims.

3 The Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order to plaintiff.

4 DATED this 5th day of September, 2018.

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7 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
8 Chief United States Magistrate Judge
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